Statement-IV

Year	Rent for city Booking Office	Rent for Airport Office	Total Rent Amount
1990-91	Rs. 19,164.00	Rs. 27,012.00	Rs. 47,376.00
1991-92	Rs. 20,364.00	Rs. 27,012.00	Rs. 47,376.00
1992-93	Rs. 23,424.00	Rs. 27,012.00	Rs. 50,436.00
1993-94	Rs. 26,941.00	Rs. 27,012.00	Rs. 53,953.00
1994-95	Rs. 30,980.00	Rs. 35,504.00	Rs. 66,484.00
			Rs. 2,65,625.00

Statement-V

Sales Figure of Stations under North Eastern Region

Station	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Agartala	816.28	910.71	896.59
Dibrugarh	637.51	759.06	794.49
Dimapur	316.86	352.60	347.07
Guwahati	2309.86	2529.34	2588.26
Imphal	652.12	686.99	641.56
Jorhat	265.30	337.93	414.41
Silchar	372.45	460.15	484.30
Tezpur	105.45	131.29	123.01

The amount above includes Passenger, Cargo and Mail revenue.

Request for additional export of yarn

2221. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the cotten mills associations have urged the Central Government to allow additional export of 50 million kg. of yarn to non-quota countries in order to help textiles mills to overcome the present crisis they are facing; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) After careful consideration of all relevant factors such as production and domestic demand in respect of raw cotton, production and prices of cotton yarn, requirement of yarn for decentralized handloom sector etc., the Government had announced a ceiling of 75 million kgs. for exports of cotton yarn in count group 1-40s during calendar year 1995. It was further decided that out of the ceiling of 75 million kgs. a quantity of 23 million kgs would be set apart for exports to quota countries and the balance ceiling of 52 million kgs. would be distributed bi-annually in two instalments of 26 million kgs. In October, 1995, it was decided to allow a quantity of 4 million kgs out of utilization of export of cotton yarn in count group 1 to 40s to non-quota

countries, for the remaining part of the year 1995. There have been representations for and against enhancement of the ceiling for cotton yarn exports. After careful consideration of all relevant aspects, ceiling for exports of cotton yarn of 1-40s to non-quota countries has been raised by 5 million kgs. in November, 1995. There is no ceiling on the export of yarn of 41 counts and above.

Excise duty payable on tariff value basis

2222. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of excise duty payable on tariff value basis exceeds the amount of excise duty that was payable at the rate fixed in the Finance Bill, 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this increase is influenced by a recent BICP study on the soft drink industry;

(d) if so, the names of each bottler from whom information was sought by BICP; the details of information sought and the information provided; and

(e) the annual rate of inflation, the effective rates of excise duty and the average increase in the wholesale price of aerated water during each of the years 1991—95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Tariff values have been fixed with effect from 1.11.1995 for certain categories of aerated waters for determining the excise duty payable thereon. For these categories of aerated waters, prior to 1.11.1995, excise duty was payable with reference to value determined under Section 4 of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944. A change in the basis of assessment makes it difficult to indicate generally whether or not the amount of excise duty payable on the basis of tariff value exceeds the amount of duty payable on the basis of value under Section 4 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The annual rate of inflation is indicated in the Annual Economic Survey presented in the Parliament for the respective years. The effective rates of excise duty on aerated water during the period 1991—95 is as given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 51] The details regarding the wholesale price charged by individual bottlers are not maintained centrally.

Setting up of Special Banks/Institutions

2223. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chambers of Commerce and Indusrty has mooted a proposal to RBI for setting up of special banks/institutions for financing risk/venture capital and seed money to SSIs;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such proposals;

(c) whether Government propose to assist SSIs by various methods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that they have not received any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A seven point Action Plan was announced by Government in March, 1995 under which particular attention has been paid to 85 districts having a cocentration of SSI Units. Public sector banks have been asked to set up 100 additional dedicated branches in these districts before the end of 1995-96. Fifty